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# §180.995 Principal.

Principal means-

- (a) An officer, director, owner, partner, principal investigator, or other person within a participant with management or supervisory responsibilities related to a covered transaction; or
- (b) A consultant or other person, whether or not employed by the participant or paid with Federal funds, who—
- (1) Is in a position to handle Federal funds;
- (2) Is in a position to influence or control the use of those funds; or,
- (3) Occupies a technical or professional position capable of substantially influencing the development or outcome of an activity required to perform the covered transaction.

# §180.1000 Respondent.

Respondent means a person against whom an agency has initiated a debarment or suspension action.

# §180.1005 State.

- (a) State means—
- (1) Any of the states of the United States;
- (2) The District of Columbia;
- (3) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico:
- (4) Any territory or possession of the United States; or
- (5) Any agency or instrumentality of a state.
- (b) For purposes of this part, State does not include institutions of higher

education, hospitals, or units of local government.

#### § 180.1010 Suspending official.

- (a) Suspending official means an agency official who is authorized to impose suspension. The suspending official is either:
  - (1) The agency head; or
- (2) An official designated by the agency head.

# §180.1015 Suspension.

Suspension is an action taken by a suspending official under subpart G of this part that immediately prohibits a person from participating in covered transactions and transactions covered under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR chapter 1) for a temporary period, pending completion of an agency investigation and any judicial or administrative proceedings that may ensue. A person so excluded is suspended.

### § 180.1020 Voluntary exclusion or voluntarily excluded.

- (a) Voluntary exclusion means a person's agreement to be excluded under the terms of a settlement between the person and one or more agencies. Voluntary exclusion must have governmentwide effect.
- (b) *Voluntarily excluded* means the status of a person who has agreed to a voluntary exclusion.